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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: JULY 25-29 NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING AT BELGRADE: PART II

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1. POLOFF JULY 18 RAISED ISSUED OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, MASS MEDIA, PUERTO RICO AND KOREA WITH MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS JAZZAR USING TALKING POINTS PROVIDED REFTEL.

29 PUERTO RICO: JAZZAR SAID SYRIA WILL SUPPORT ANY POSITION THE NON-ALIGNED STATES TAKE ON PUERTO RICO. ITS OWN POSITION TENDS TO BE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THAT OF INDIA AND CUBA. WHILE SYRIA HAS INDICATED IT WOULD PERFER TO SEE A REFERENDUM CONDUCTED INPUERTO RICO UNDER UN AUSPICES, IT DOES NOT INTEND TO PUSH THIS VIEWPOINT. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, SYRIA'S POSITION ON PUERTO RICO IS DEFINED BY ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA AND ITS DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE FRIEDNSHIP OF BOTH.

3. SOUTHERN AFRICA: JAZZAR CLAIMED SYRIA WILL SUPPORT ANY STAND WHICH THE AFRICAN GROUP TAKES ON THESE
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QUESTIONS. IN GENERAL, SYRIA FAVORABLY VIEWS US POLICY ON AFRICA UNDER PRESIDENT CARTER. (COMMENT: SYRIA WOULD TRY TO EVADE GETTING CAUGHT IN A DIVISION OF POINION AMONG AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON THESE ISSUES. IT WOULD, IN ADDITION, NOT WANT TO TAKE A POSITION DIA-METRICALLY OPPOSED TO THE SOVIET UNION OR CUBA FOR REASONS RELATED TO THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION.)

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4. KOREA: JAZZAR REITERATED HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT SYRIA GIVES 100 PERCENT BACKING TO NORTH KOREA'S POSITION ON THIS QUESTION. IT BELIEVES THIS IS A QUESTION FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE KOREAS WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE BASED ON PRINCIPLES AGREED TO IN THE EARLY 1970'S. SYRIA BELIEVES THE US AND THE "SO-CALLED UN FORCES" MUST WITHDRAW. SYRIA DOES NOT EXPECT NORTH KOREA OT PRESS THIS QUESTION AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR SINCE IT HAS NOT BEGUN POLITICAL ACTIVITY DIRECTED AT THIS END TO DATE. HOWEVER, IF NORTH KOREA PRESSES THE ISSUE, SYRIA WILL BACK IT FULLY. (COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THE SYRIAN POSITION IS A QUID PRO QUO FOR KOREAN ARMS ASSISTANCE AND THAT THERE IS NO GIVE IN THE SYRIAN POSITION.)

5. INTERNATIONAL MASS MEDIA: JAZZAZ SAID SYRIA DOES NOT FAVOR ANY NEW INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION ORDER WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE WESTERN INFORMATION FLOW INTO THE LDCS. WITH THIS RESERVATION, SYRIA FAVORS EFFORTS BY LDCS TO PROMOTE POOLING OF RESOURCES TO ADD A SYMPATHETIC VOICE TO THE INTERNATIONAL MASS MEDIA. SYRIA SEEKS MORE LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN THIS CONTEXT RATHER THAN LESS.
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